



Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Requirements Regarding the Necessity for Protocol Submission and Approval in Teaching and Research

TEACHING:

- **Observation only:** For a regularly scheduled course and if no physical contact with live vertebrate animals occurs, then there are no IACUC requirements. However, a course syllabus must be filed with the faculty member's departmental office.
- **Hands-On:** If faculty or students plan to have contact with live vertebrate animals while teaching or enrolled in a regularly scheduled course, IACUC approval is required prior to the course being taught and a course syllabus must be filed with the faculty member's departmental office. Both faculty members and teaching assistants (either undergraduate or graduate) for the course must be listed on the protocol and they must have completed appropriate IACUC training. Students enrolled in the course are not required to be listed on the protocol, thus they are exempt from IACUC training solely for the enrolled course. Faculty members are expected to appropriately train all students handling or contacting animals. Training should include animal welfare concerns & compliance, proper animal handling techniques, and any EH&S or occupational health and safety aspects relevant to the course objectives.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (*applies either to funded or non-funded*):

- All students and faculty conducting research involving live vertebrate animals must have an approved UCF IACUC protocol prior to implementing the study. If the project is only observational, that is, the live vertebrate animal will not be handled or their behavior intentionally interrupted during the course of the study, then no IACUC protocol is required.
- If the study involves only tissues that are specifically acquired from a live or deceased vertebrate animal solely for research purposes or from another agency, investigator, institution, or a commercial vendor, a protocol *may* need to be filed with the Office of Animal Welfare and approved prior to implementing the study. Please contact the Office of Animal Welfare for a determination.

The Office of Animal Welfare is happy to provide training opportunities and materials for faculty and students. If questions, clarifications or training requests arise please call the Office of Animal Welfare, 407-266-2235. Please see the [Office of Animal Welfare website](#) for the policy and procedures manual, forms and other guidance.